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Office of the NSW Ombudsman  
Level 24, 580 George Street  
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Dear Steve,

I would like to apprise you of developments that have occurred within the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn and make a series of requests to ensure the ongoing efficiency of our child protection services and compliance with our statutory responsibilities.

As the Head of Agency for the Archdiocese, I have established the Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding (IPSS), as a 'whole of agency' response to meet my statutory obligations under *Part 3A of the Ombudsman Act 1974 (the Act)* and to serve as a specialist resource for the Archdiocese. As you know, IPSS has a mandate to operate across Catholic Education Office, CatholicCare, Mary Mead, Chancery and parishes.

The Director of IPSS reports directly to the Vicar General and has the authority to report directly to me as necessary. The current incumbent is Mr Matt Casey and I believe it appropriate to delegate Mr Casey with the day-to-day responsibilities of fulfilling my obligations as Head of Agency. I request that you direct any correspondence, inquires or other matters pertaining to the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, inclusive of the Catholic Education Office, CatholicCare, Chancery and parishes, to Matt Casey. This includes all communication relating to investigations overseen by the NSW Ombudsman in the Archdiocese.

Further, I request that the Determination by the NSW Ombudsman under *Section 25CA of the Act* regarding Class or Kind Investigations also be altered to reflect that IPSS, and not the Catholic Education Office, has responsibility and oversight for these investigations. IPSS will be happy to provide any strategic plans, training schedules or policies that you may wish to review.

**The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn**

Of course, I remain involved in overseeing the performance and quality of IPSS and promoting child protection within the Archdiocese. I accept that the ultimate responsibility as Head of Agency continues to rest with me. Please feel free to contact me at any time you believe it warranted. My commitment to the protection of children and vulnerable people remains central to my stewardship.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Prowse". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning of the first letter.

Most Reverend Christopher Prowse  
Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn